

THOUSANDS WALK ACROSS VIADUCT

Mammoth Structure, Opened for Traffic, Viewed by Holiday Crowds.

WILL CHARGE TOLL TO-DAY

Overhead Bridge Spans Shockoe Valley and Connects East End.

Thousands of people, hundreds of vehicles and scores of motor-cars, yesterday crossed and recrossed the gigantic Marshall Street viaduct of the Richmond and Henric Railway Company, which was opened for the first time to the public. The great overhead bridge spans Shockoe Valley from College and Marshall Streets to Twenty-first and Marshall, a distance of nearly half a mile. A superb view of the eastern portion of the city is offered from this point. This morning, at 8 o'clock, this morning, toll will be collected in this new thoroughfare, but yesterday it was free, and it proved the centre of attraction for the entire city.

A beautiful, spring-like day brought thousands to inspect the structure, which is said to be an engineering feat.

No Disorder by Crowds. The crowd which thronged the bridge, especially in the afternoon, was orderly and well-behaved. Confusion was avoided by the strollers passing to the right.

However, a small squad of police was on hand to prevent any disorder, but their services were not needed to suppress any rowdiness.

The visitors moved leisurely about the viaduct, and many of them were much interested in peering over the high hand-rails for a view below, nearly 200 feet. The dizzy height was too severe for many, and one glance below at passing trains was sufficient.

As a means of a short cut to the East End it is likely that the new highway will become popular, especially in view of the fact that the toll for foot passengers will be merely nominal.

The big span is built of steel and reinforced concrete. High hand-rails have been provided to prevent any accidents. The surface is paved with concrete wood blocks, while there are sidewalks of concrete.

It has been many years since the territory adjacent to the viaduct has witnessed the crowds which passed yesterday. It is conservatively estimated that 50,000 people availed themselves of the opportunity and privilege of being among the first citizens to pass over the mammoth structure.

DR. READE TO LECTURE

"The Cause and Prevention of Colds." Next Health Subject.

Dr. Frank M. Reade will lecture Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the John Marshall High School on "The Cause and Prevention of Colds." This is one of a series of public health talks which began several weeks ago under the auspices of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs. These lectures are open to the public.

Dr. Allen W. Freeman, who was to have lectured last Thursday night, will speak Tuesday night, February 21.

BIRD LECTURE TO-NIGHT

Gilbert Pearson to Be Guest of Virginia Audubon Society.

Under the auspices of the Audubon Society of Virginia, T. Gilbert Pearson, Jr., secretary of the National Audubon Society, will lecture Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the John Marshall High School on the subject of "Bird Study with Camera." It is expected that a large number of bird-lovers will be present.

Dr. Pearson is a well-known authority on bird life, and will make a lecture to-night more interesting by the use of illustrated stereoscopic views.

ADMITTS STABBING

James Robinson, Colored, Arrested on Charge of Assaulting Charles Loving.

James Robinson, colored, who is charged with stabbing Charles Loving, white, a week ago, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Sergeant Wiley and Kellam. He admitted the assault.

The stabbing occurred at Twenty-fifth and Venable Streets, as Loving was walking home. The weapon, which was a knife, was taken to the City Hospital, where it was regarded as exceedingly dangerous. But he is now practically recovered, and will be able to appear in Police Court.

SAYS HE ROBBED HER

Arrested on Charge of Stealing Money from Negro Woman.

Arrested on charge of robbing a woman, who was born in Virginia, and who came to Virginia to earn her fortune, was arrested last night on complaint of Annie Crew, colored, who charged him with having picked up a pocketbook containing \$250 she had just dropped and refusing to return it to her. He was held later in the sum of \$100, which a friend put up as collateral.

The negro woman claimed that she saw the man pick up her purse, and that he told her he would give it back, but walked away instead. She followed him into a house, and picked him out of nearly fifty men.

When coming to the station he declared that he could not speak English, and what he had to say was the woman's statements could not be understood.

NEW STUNT TO OUTLOONEY EVEN WHO'S LOONEY NOW

Mr. Chaloner Has Something Up His Sleeve Which Will Attract Greater Attention Than Famous Telegram to Brother Bob.

John Armstrong Chaloner, of Merrie Mills, is in town and still clinging to the trail of Prince Dolgorouki, whose whippers in a Russia were too often seen in close proximity to the beautiful Lina Cavallieri after her marriage to "Sheriff Bob" Chaloner.

Mr. Chaloner has a plan up his sleeve which will bring the gay Russian to his knees, and which will attract even greater attention than his famous telegram, "Who's looney now?"

But this is a secret. While he declines to disclose this latest attack on the prince, he talked freely about his brother Bob, who, he says, on the 12th, sends half of all the money made by his painting to the fair Lina. The beauty, however, according to Mr. Chaloner, never gives up anything, not even the hope of a big slice of the Chaloner estate, guarded by cold-blooded lawyers.

Some time ago the master of Merrie Mills sent a most insulting picture of a fat hog to Prince Dolgorouki with the information that the swine was "the counterfeit presentment of the prince. No reply to his deadly insult has yet been received, but the receipt for the package, signed at the Russian Embassy in Paris, has been returned to Mr. Chaloner.

So the prince at least knows what he resembles. "Have you ever had a reply to your message, 'Who's looney now?'" which you sent to your brother Bob?" Mr. Chaloner was asked.

"Not a word from the prince and not a word from 'Bob-o-link,'" he replied.

"You see, I call him Bob-o-link because he's like that gay-plinked noisy bird. His eyes are brown and shiny, and his hair begins to curl before it leaves the curl, and Cavallieri is enough to make any man's hair curl."

LIQUOR DEALERS ENTER PROTEST

Will Fight Increase in Express Rates at Special Hearing Set for To-Day.

Representatives of the express companies and the Liquor Dealers' Association reached the city yesterday to attend a hearing to-day before Special Examiner Needham, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the matter of increased rates east of the Mississippi in the transportation of whiskey and also certain changes regulating the traffic.

The following were registered at the Jefferson last night: From the Southern Express Company—Vice-President C. L. Loop, Chattanooga; Superintendent J. D. Patterson, Chattanooga; General Manager J. B. Hookaday, Atlanta; Superintendent O. M. Soder, Charlotte; Superintendent W. K. Hall, Jacksonville; Superintendent W. R. Buckner, Wilmington; Superintendent R. E. Buckner, Roanoke; Superintendent H. M. Smith, Roanoke; Superintendent J. D. Ladd, New York.

For the liquor dealers are Attorney Robert H. Hough, Washington; Robert Hunt, Dayton; W. W. Kilder, Dayton. Others are expected to arrive to-day, and the local delegation will be large.

Some time ago the express companies east of the Mississippi announced an increase in the rate covering this territory, and the liquor dealers appealed to the Interstate Commerce Commission. An order was issued suspending the new rate, and the case interests not only the manufacturers of liquor, but also bottle and jug makers, as the new tariff also prescribes a new form of packing which is said to be very unsatisfactory to the dealers. The decision will be taken this morning at 10 o'clock.

The question has aroused an unusual amount of interest, not only in Virginia, but other wet States of the East. It is held to be illegal, and on this ground the appeal was made.

LOOKS LIKE A GOOD MAN

Special to The Times-Dispatch. Lynchburg, Va., February 12.—J. H. Bollinger, a Chambersburg, Pa. pitcher signed for Lynchburg, seems to have been one of the best twirlers among the Cumberland Valley teams, being against such teams as Hagerstown, Winchester, Martinsburg and Frederick, he managed to win sixteen out of twenty-two games in 1910, and fourteen out of nineteen games pitched in 1908. Bollinger comes highly recommended, and Manager Stockstill says he has picked a good man in him.

ADOPT NOVEL PLAN TO SEE "CAMILLE"

One Couple Will See One Act, Another Couple Another, and So On Till End.

If you happen to sit down near the front of the theatre to-morrow night, right under the spell of the "Dixie Sarah," and you see a dapper young man and a young woman pick up their wraps and go out after the first act, don't imagine that they were shocked. Then if you see another young man and another young woman come in, and take those seats let it pass. And when they, too, go out after the second act, just continue to sit still and enjoy the intermission, for your talk will be broken a moment later when another pair comes in. And that pair will leave after the third act to make room for a fourth.

All of this business may tempt you to ask one of those young men if somebody is ill at home. This is printed to save you that trouble.

A great many people are going to see "Camille" because of several things: It is fashionable, it may be the last appearance here of the famous actress, and the play is put on in French, being anxious, therefore, to see it, and being satisfied that they will be literally bored to death, four young men and four young women of Church Hill decided upon the progressive plan, which is to say that one couple will see one act, another couple will see another act, and so forth and so on.

The four men will split the cost. If they find that it is to be an evening dress affair—which it will be—they may arrange to meet around the corner from the Academy and exchange coats.

Everything looked lovely until it was found that the men who went to buy the tickets thought he had end seats. When the distressing fact was discovered that he got tickets calling for middle seats in the middle row a conference was held, at which the buyer was expected to be stuck. But, then, all other seats had been sold, so they must carry out the original plan or stay at home, and if they stay at home there is one young man who would like to sell you a couple of tickets.

ARRESTS LAST NIGHT

Burnell Banks Believed to Be Fugitive from Culpeper County.

Burnell Banks, colored, was arrested last night as a fugitive from justice from Culpeper county. He made various conflicting statements, but said that he had been out of the penitentiary only about Friday a week ago.

Al Jones, white, eighteen years old, was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Mrs. Kate Lopka, white, was arrested by Police Officer Jennings and Lear on a charge of selling liquor at 1705 East Grace Street.

John and William Morgan, white, were locked up on a charge of stealing \$1.50 from the person of Paul Myers.

LYNCH GOES AFTER OFFICE-HOLDERS

Wants People to Know What Fees They Draw Annually for Their Work.

MAY SUBSTITUTE SALARIES

Takes Ground That Collector's Office Can Be Abolished and Save Big Money.

Councilman John J. Lynch, of Jefferson Ward, has joined forces with Chairman H. R. Pollard, Jr., of the Council Committee on Finance, in an effort to abolish the office of City Collector—a fifth wheel in the city government which costs the city from \$12,000 to \$13,000 per year. Five months ago Mr. Pollard introduced a measure looking to a reduction of the fees of the City Collector from three-fifths to two-fifths of 1 per cent, of the amount handled, a cut of one-third in the cost of operating a useful office. The Council Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform has had the paper five months and Mr. Pollard has not yet been heard on the proposition. It has been bandied about, shuffled from one meeting to another, quorums broken to avoid taking action, and finally referred to a subcommittee, where it has peacefully slumbered for several months.

Salary in Lieu of Fees. Last Thursday Mr. Lynch started the proposition all over by offering members, both of which went to the Ordinance, Charter and Reform Committee, and both of which were ably slumbered in the pigeon hole of the same subcommittee until the two energetic Councilmen force a hearing, one instructs the City Attorney to secure an allowance for him of deputies and clerks, in lieu of fees. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Pollard shook hands and agreed that they would at least try to secure a hearing before the Ordinance, Charter and Reform Committee—a charter so far denied to the chairman of the Council Finance Committee.

What He Got in Fees. Last year the collector drew from the city in fees \$11,027.33. This year, with the new assessment in effect and the enlarged territory, the fees will be from \$12,000 to \$13,000 for the year. He employs one deputy and two clerks. Then there is a collector of delinquent taxes, who also draws a commission on what he collects.

All State taxes are payable to the City Treasurer. The State does not recognize the collector's office. Water and gas bills are also payable to the Treasurer direct. The collector "collects" or acts as receiving teller to receive for collection city taxes, special licenses, paving bills and pipe section bills. According to Mr. Lynch, the collector and his clerks employed could make out all the bills and receive all the payments at a desk in the Treasurer's office, much less rate of transmission of funds be eliminated, and about \$10,000 a year for the city were the office abolished. Since that time the city has been by act of Legislature, amending the charter, Mr. Lynch advocates putting Captain Cunningham on a salary basis, and proposes \$3,500 per year with salaries for the deputy and clerks, and an allowance for expenses in the office.

Can't Get It Done. Of all the fee offices in the City Hall that of the City Collector is the only one in which it is possible to say what he draws, all of his fees coming directly out of the City Treasury in the shape of commission on payments of taxes. The Commissioner of the Revenue draws both State and city fees, and there seems no way of telling what his office pays. The city paid Commissioner O. A. Hawkins last year \$14,165, beside State fees.

The clerk of the four courts draw fees both from the State and from those having business in the courts, the clerks of the Hustings Court, which handles criminal business, and the Chancery Court being the more profitable of the City Hall courts.

The City Sergeant is credited with drawing \$25,000 a year. The City Sheriff's office is not so profitable, though on a fee basis, his fees probably falling below those of the High Constable, though both are secretive as to what income they draw from the public. The city pays the City Treasurer a salary for his services, in which the State supplements the amount with fees, which are probably equally as valuable.

Would Have Sworn Statement. While the State fixes and allows the fees of the Treasurer, City Sergeant, Commissioner of Revenue and many other officers, they come out of the pockets of citizens of Richmond who are paying taxes. There is apparently no way of getting at what any of the court clerks receive. Mr. Lynch states that the present position affecting the City Collector's office is, only the opening gun against the fee system, with its heavy burden on taxpayers and those having business in the courts, and that before the next Legislature meets he will seek to have the Council ask a change in existing laws to put all city officers on a salary basis. If that cannot be done, he will propose that all officers entitled to receive fees from any source whatever must file with some recognized authority an itemized statement of receipts, annual or semi-annual, sworn to before a notary in the same manner in which a candidate for office files his expense account, in order that the people may know what their employees are receiving for services rendered.

FORMER CONVICT CAUGHT IN RAID

Ex-Cocaine Vendor Sat by Him at Gambling Table When Police Appeared on Scene.

With the table overturned, two lamps knocked over and broken and an oil stove turned upside down, to say nothing of general destruction of other furniture, the back room in the house of Jim Martin, colored, 217 North Seventeenth Street, presented a scene of vast confusion last night when Police Officers Bryant, Griffin and Mitchell raided it as a gambling joint.

Between twenty and thirty players were seated around the board when the officers entered. Some one knocked the lamp from the table, and flaming oil spread on the floor. To add to the scene of darkness and confusion, all the rest of the furniture was knocked topsy-turvy as the players attempted to escape.

Ex-Cocaine King, Too. Five were caught, among them being an ex-convict, who went to the penitentiary for selling cocaine, and a former cocaine king. The others poured out of the forty or more exits.

Two occupied by ducking under the officers' arms. One of them was caught a little later by Police Officer Bryant. The names of most of the others are known, and it is expected that they will soon be arrested.

When the three bluecoats broke into the room there was \$50 or \$60 on the table. This was garnered in by one of the men who escaped. Only a pack of cards and a few beer checks and some chips were left as mementos of the big game which had been in progress. Pete Lacy held the high cards when the game broke up, but he didn't take in the pot. Somebody else got it, and went away rich. But Pete, as did the other four, had enough to pay the fine, and was content.

Jim Martin was charged with running a place resorted to for the purpose of playing a game commonly called "skin." He suffered most of the skinning.

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE STUDENTS

Richmond College Will Have Greater Accommodations by Next Session.

TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR FUTURE WORK

Juvenile Protective Society to Hold Annual Meeting To-Morrow Night.

Plans to further prosecute the work of the Juvenile Protective Society of Virginia, which was successful at the last session of the General Assembly in having laws enacted which will aid in this work, will be discussed at the annual meeting which will take place to-morrow night at 8 o'clock at Murphy's Hotel.

Rev. James Buchanan, secretary, has sent out nearly three hundred notices to members urging a large attendance.

Former Governor Andrew Jackson Montague has interested himself in this work, which was started by Joseph E. Willard, and will be the principal speaker Tuesday night.

One of the accomplishments of the society was the foundation last year of the Industrial Home for Girls at Bon Air, which has proved a success in caring for unfortunate children.

Dr. Buchanan said last night that the society is anxious to go ahead with its work. The members, he said, want to form a thorough organization and put in the lead men and women who are interested and inclined to aid in furthering the objects of the organization with a view of having in the Old Dominion an institution which will see that the laws governing and protecting children are enforced.

SWALLOWS THE EVIDENCE

Ring Vanishes as Prisoner is Arraigned for Stealing It.

Atlantic City, February 12.—Henry Boehl was arraigned before Magistrate Haughey, charged with the larceny of a diamond ring. The complainant was Miss Annabelle Scarborough. The ring was produced in court and Miss Scarborough identified it.

As she laid it down on the table the prisoner seized it, and before any one could interfere he swallowed it. The court officer, who was standing beside Boehl, with the assistance of several others, began to pull his back, in the hope that he would cough it up, but their efforts were in vain. The hearing was abruptly ended.

Boehl was taken back to jail, where the physicians began to resort to all measures to regain the ring. Up to a late hour to-night they had not recovered it, and they were inclined to believe that unless Boehl submitted to an operation the damaging evidence would probably be lost for good.

RUSSIA RECALLS TROOPS

Evacuating Persia, Trusting in the New Regent.

St. Petersburg, February 12.—The Novoye Vremya announces that Russia will recall her troops from Kashan, Persia. These consist of a battalion of sharpshooters, five squadrons of Cossacks, a command of sappers, four machine guns and a field battery. This action is intended as a mark of confidence in the new regent of Persia, Nasr-ol-Mulk, who was elected in succession to Azad-el-Mulk.

FIRE IS SUBDUED

Great Damage Threatened by Explosion of Ammonium Nitrate.

Findlay, Ohio, February 12.—Added by hundreds of volunteers, the fire department succeeded to-night in controlling a fire which destroyed the greater part of the plant of the Paragon Insulating Company, and for several hours threatened the town. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. The great danger arose from the great amount of ammonium nitrate which was feared would be exploded, but the fire fighters succeeded in diverting the flames. The plant will be rebuilt at once.

RAID SPEAK EASY

Police Catch James Robinson in Alleged Act of Selling Liquor.

James Robinson, colored, was arrested yesterday on a charge of selling liquor without a license. He was caught in the act by Police Officer Thurman and Galbraith. A quantity of jugs of liquor and bottles of beer were confiscated.

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MAKING ROOM FOR MORE STUDENTS

Richmond College Will Have Greater Accommodations by Next Session.

Since the meeting of the Richmond College board of trustees early in the week, the committee on grounds and buildings has adopted the following plan for retiling the central building, damaged by the recent fire. The literary halls will be restored at once; they will probably be ready for use by the opening of the spring term. The second or lecture room floor will be cut up for dormitories, as will the fraternity rooms in the tower adjoining. President Boatwright says that these new rooms together with others that will be available for next September, will make the dormitory accommodations for next fall slightly greater than those of any previous session. The law library room is also being enlarged to furnish space for 1,000 new volumes which have just been ordered.

W. S. McNeill, dean of the law school, will deliver the first lecture in the faculty series to-morrow night, at 8:15 o'clock, in the college chapel. Mr. McNeill will discuss "Schools of Economic Thought," a field in which he did much of his graduate study in the University of Berlin.

Rev. John J. Wicker, D. D., will conduct a series of religious services at the college, one hour each day during the week beginning February 28.

Professor R. E. Gaines will make an address on "The Stewardship of Talents" at the coming convention of Virginia Baptist Laymen in Lynchburg.

CHINA ALARMED AT LAST

Authorities Seek Foreign Advice in Famine and Plague Situation.

Peking, February 12.—It is reported that many thousands of famine-stricken people are sleeping on the ground outside the city walls of Nanking, which is the southern capital, as distinguished from Peking, and that frequent raids are made on the shops within the city. The gravity of the situation resulting from the famine and the plague has been seriously alarmed the government, which is now too late to seek foreign aid, and the authorities are now seeking advice from foreigners as they have never done before.

The nation is beginning to learn its lesson, and effective measures are being promulgated. Troops have been moved to several places and stricken villages are being cordoned. Detachments of troops also have been sent to do police duty in the towns which have refused to submit to sanitary measures. A Cornell graduate, Alfred Tse, is head of these cordoned areas, a station of sharpshooters, five squadrons of Cossacks, a command of sappers, four machine guns and a field battery. This action is intended as a mark of confidence in the new regent of Persia, Nasr-ol-Mulk, who was elected in succession to Azad-el-Mulk.

TO SAVE TIME IN WRATH SOFTENED BY LOWER RATE

Law Requiring Citizens to Provide Box on Door May Yet Be Enacted.

Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr., is much interested in the recent recommendation of the Senate Committee on Post-Offices and Post Roads, approving the bill requiring all residences and places of business to be equipped with suitable mail boxes. If the measure is adopted in both branches of Congress, as is said to be highly probable, the Post-Office Department will have achieved a regulation which has been necessary for a long time.

The lack of receiving mail boxes and offices to be equipped with receptacles to receive mail matter is to decrease the time now consumed by carriers in ringing door bells, sounding whistles, and otherwise summoning householders to the door to receive matter addressed to them.

It is pointed out that postmen of Richmond, if the new law is passed, will be enabled to "work" their routes in nearly one-half of the time now required. In turn, this will bring more speedy and efficient deliveries to the public.

Throughout the country various postmasters, at the direction of the department, have appealed to the public to equip their homes and offices with mail boxes, but the response amounted to little or nothing.

Postmaster Allan has been especially active in appealing to local citizens, but so far has been unable to secure any tangible results.

If the law is secured it will be: "No box, no mail!"

THE SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND

Now Is the Time. In early years is the time to save. Learn now, before extravagant habits are formed. Start with \$1.00 and earn 3 per cent, compound interest.

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Junior Oakwood Association.

The Junior Oakwood Association will hold an important meeting to-morrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. W. Massey, 2721 East Broad Street, at 4:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.